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REMARKS ON PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In conjunction with the filing of the present application, and prior to an initial Official Action on this matter, please amend the above-identified application as provided in the attached Marked Up Copy and Substitute Specification.

Please note that the following amendments in the Substitute Specification apply to the attached specification and claims as published in English in the International PCT application.

In this preliminary amendment, please consider the following remarks in conjunction with the amendments to the above-identified application as follows:

REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment has been entered for the purpose of placing the application into a more proper U.S. format. In particular, certain grammatical and idiomatic inconsistencies have been corrected by amendment to the specification, and the application is corrected for certain typographical errors and formatting requirements in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

The spelling and grammar mistakes have been corrected in Paragraphs [0002], [0016] to [0018], [0019], and [0072] to [0074].

It is important to note that the Applicant is deleting Claims 49-56 for the purposes of entry into the U.S. national stage. These claims are canceled in the present Preliminary Amendment. Additionally, the specification has been amended to delete portions referring to the canceled claims. As a result, original Paragraphs [0047] to [0068] have been canceled, and the Substitute Specification has re-numbered the subsequent paragraphs.

There were no amendments made in the International Application after being published, and no Demand was filed. As such, there is no annex to the International Preliminary Examination Report.

The Claims have been amended so as to conform with U.S. The Abstract has been amended so as to conform to U.S. filing requirements.

Applicant respectfully requests that the present Amendment be entered prior to an initial Official Action on the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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